



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition



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Harvest Drags on with Damp Conditions

There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 19, 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were close to normal this week, with light rains and heavy fog on several days. The corn for grain harvest progressed slowly statewide as grain moistures were still unfavorably high. Several reporters noted that grain moistures have actually risen with the damp conditions of the past few weeks. Fields were reportedly slippery in some areas, further complicating harvest activities. Dry, sunny days and frozen soils are needed to help bring in the last of the corn and soybeans.

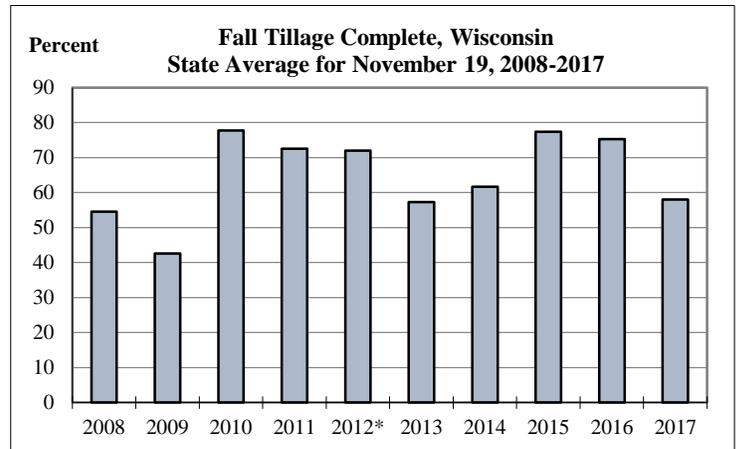
Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 10 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 87 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Corn harvested for grain was 69 percent complete, 12 days behind the average. The moisture content of corn harvested for grain averaged 21 percent.

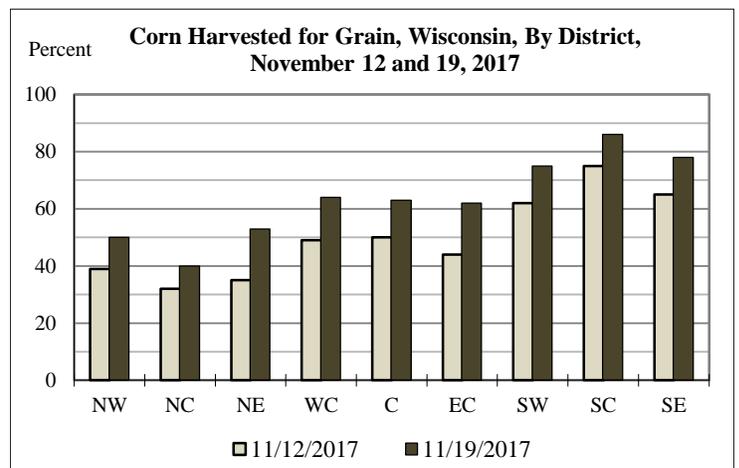
Soybean harvest was reported at 94 percent complete, 11 days behind last year, and 8 days behind the average.

Winter wheat emerged was reported at 96 percent complete, 2 days ahead of last year. Winter wheat condition was reported 83 percent good to excellent, 2 percentage points below last week.

Fall tillage was reported at 58 percent complete, 7 days behind the average.



* The final fall tillage estimate for 2012 was 72 percent complete on November 11.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of November 19, 2017

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat.....	0	2	15	57	26

Wisconsin Crop Progress as of November 19, 2017

Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Corn Harvested for Grain.....	50	40	53	64	63	62	75	86	78	69	56	91	85
Fall Tillage.....	56	60	63	44	73	71	49	56	66	58	51	75	70
Soybeans Harvested.....	94	85	87	92	97	95	94	97	96	94	92	98	97
Winter Wheat Emerged.....	97	91	94	75	98	98	92	98	94	96	92	94	n.a.

n.a.=not available

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of November 19, 2017

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
Days Suitable.....	Days									Days		
	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.7	5.0	3.6	4.5	5.0	6.4
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Short.....	0	10	2	5	6	3	8	0	1	4	7	3
Adequate.....	86	90	72	87	86	85	83	88	82	86	85	81
Surplus.....	14	0	26	8	8	12	7	12	17	10	8	16
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									Percent		
Very Short.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	1	0
Short.....	0	10	0	6	6	2	13	2	4	5	7	2
Adequate.....	91	90	69	87	91	89	80	88	87	87	86	83
Surplus.....	9	0	31	7	3	9	0	10	9	7	6	15

Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

RUSK-G.P.: Soybeans continue to come off as conditions allow. Corn for grain is coming off as moistures come down a bit but still pretty slow with low commodity prices. Some tillage going on as soil conditions allow.

CHIPPEWA/EAU CLAIRE-J.C.: Rain/snow conditions continue to delay soybean harvest. Corn yields are very good and overall above average. Manure application occurring on many fields.

ASHLAND/IRON-C.B.: Some corn harvest-for-grain activity. Frozen ground and no snow will make the harvest easy.

SHAWANO-B.R.: Some more wet weather continues to delay corn dry down and cause harvest issues. Much of the corn came off this week at 20-26 percent. It actually picked up moisture with the damp days. There are still a few soybeans in the field yet but many farmers took them off even though they were quite high in moisture this week. Winter wheat looking very good. A lot of tillage was being done however some was in muddy conditions.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: As in previous weeks, harvesting has been slow. Not that the farmers aren't trying to get the crops in, but the sporadic rain showers have actually increased the moisture in soybeans as time goes by. While other counties have gotten work done, this county, with the rain showers and heavy fog, has had trouble getting crops off the fields. The recent frost should help if we get a few sunny, warm days in a row.

MARQUETTE/WAUSHARA-D.B.: Combines were into corn this week and a lot of trucks into elevators. Getting to be some lines to unload.

VERNON-K.L.: Too wet to combine soybeans and the moisture level is still high. Damp, foggy every day so minimal harvesting of corn and beans.

DANE-F.P.: Most of the corn in this area has been harvested. Field work is being completed and manure is being applied to fields. It has been cold the past few weeks.

ROCK-C.O.: Rain has delayed final harvest.

KENOSHA-R.R.: Rainy, cold, and cloudy. Hard to do field work.

SHEBOYGAN/OZAUKEE/WASHINGTON-G.S.: Cold, wet and dreary week. Not much movement out in the fields.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on November 19, 2017

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 To Nov. 18	Mar. 1 to Nov. 18 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	39	26	43	15	33	+0	2751	2598	0.11	6.89	-0.28	34.99	+4.57
Green Bay	42	30	47	20	36	+1	2771	2455	0.66	5.19	-1.46	30.68	+3.77
La Crosse	43	30	48	23	37	+0	3509	2951	0.13	7.30	+0.48	39.04	+8.78
Madison	42	29	50	20	35	-1	2975	2921	0.33	4.79	-1.86	38.55	+8.20
Milwaukee	44	34	50	28	39	-1	3188	n.a.	0.86	6.29	-1.11	35.61	+4.10

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1971-2000 data. n.a.=not available. T=trace Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>.

For more weather data, please reference the following sites: <http://www.noaa.gov/> <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/> <http://www.cocorahs.org/> <http://www.weather.gov/>

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